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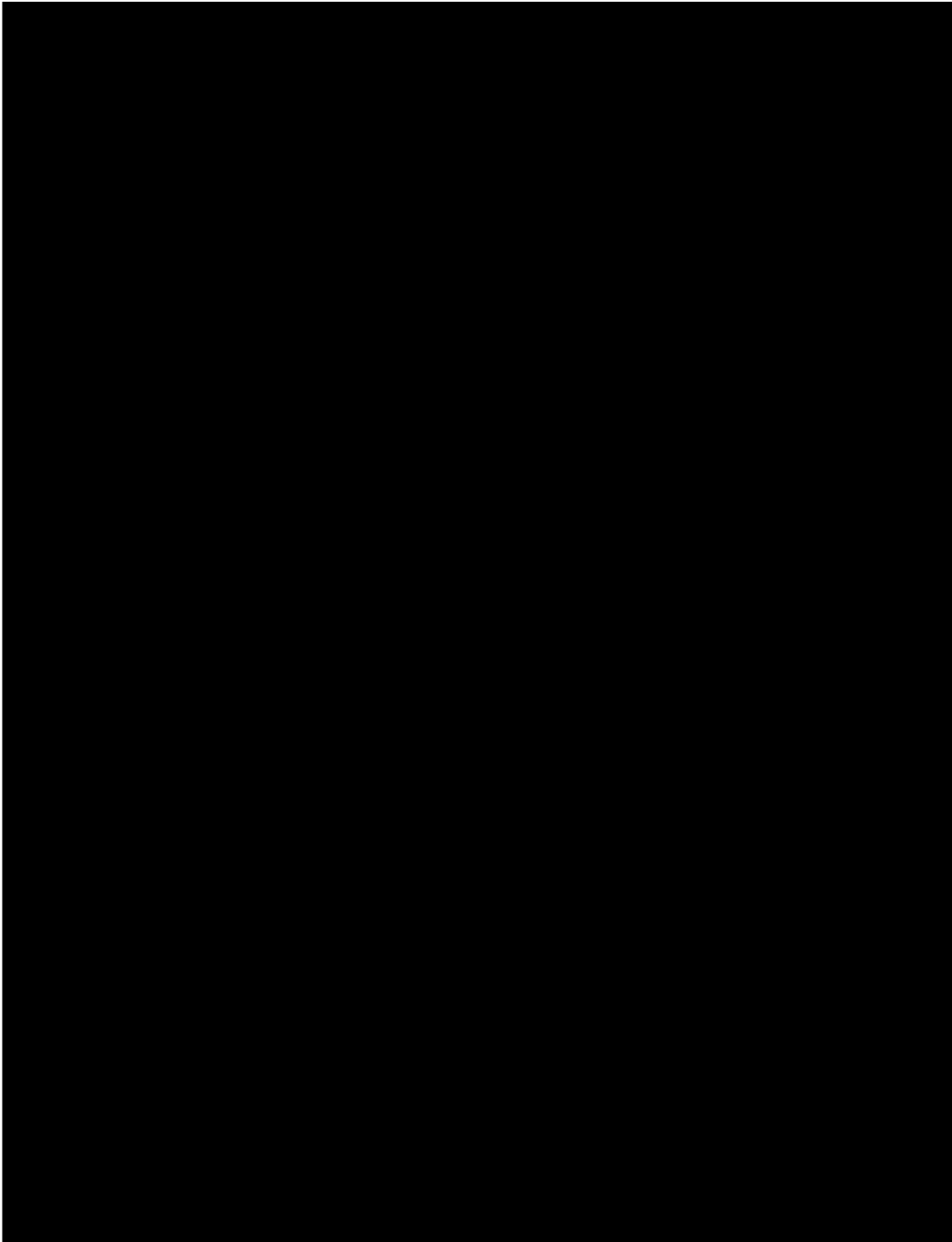
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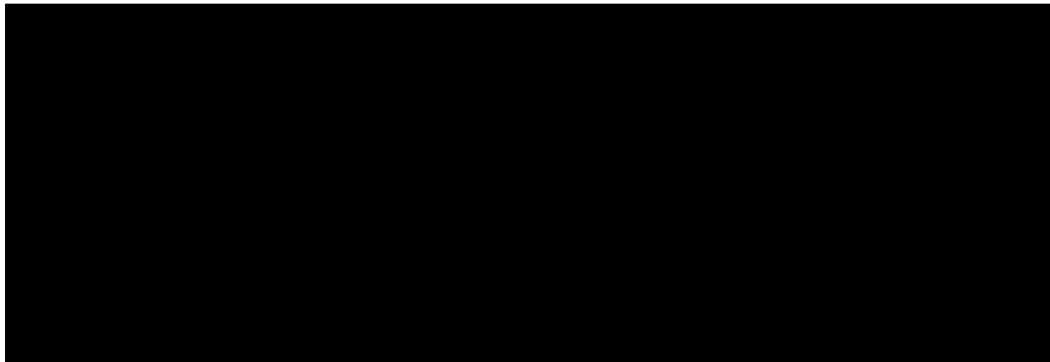
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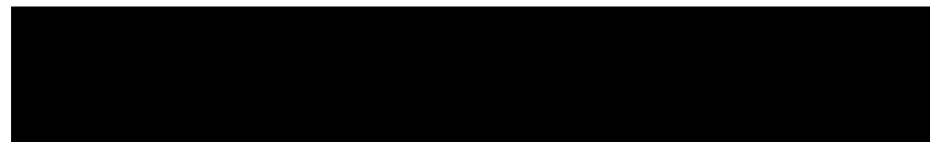
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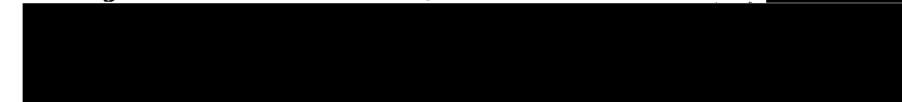
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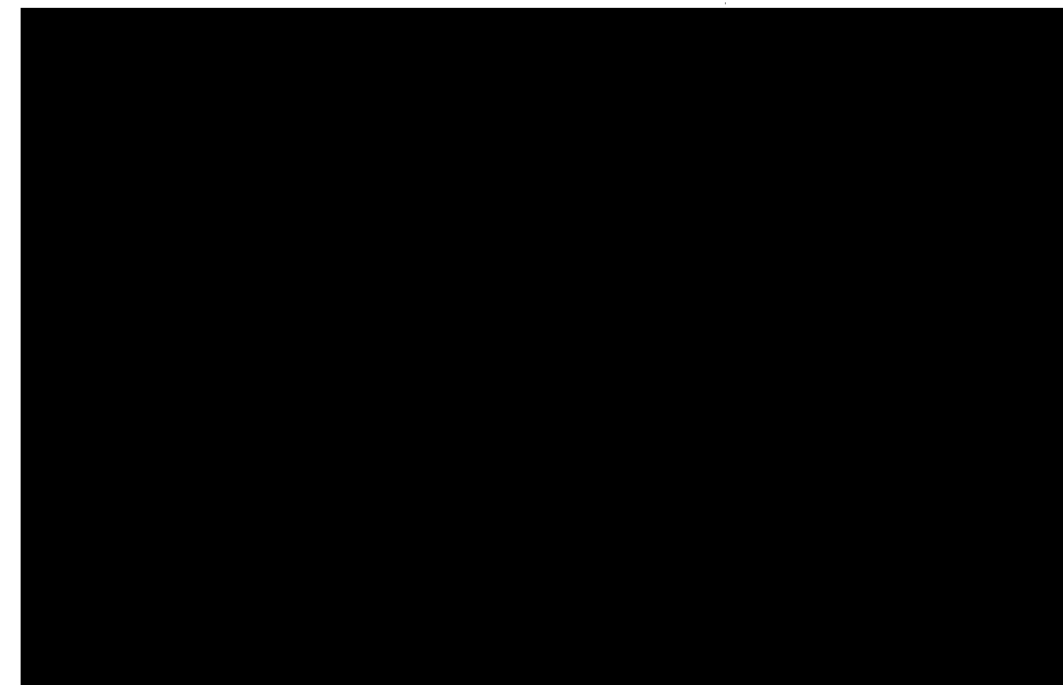
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█ In Lebanon, the aftermath of the Syrian revolt may be a cabinet change, with moderate Moslem Husayn al-Uwayni taking over from the more pro-Nasir Saib Salam. █



█ Iraqi Prime Minister Qasim is reported to be threatened with a coup by a group of army officers. █



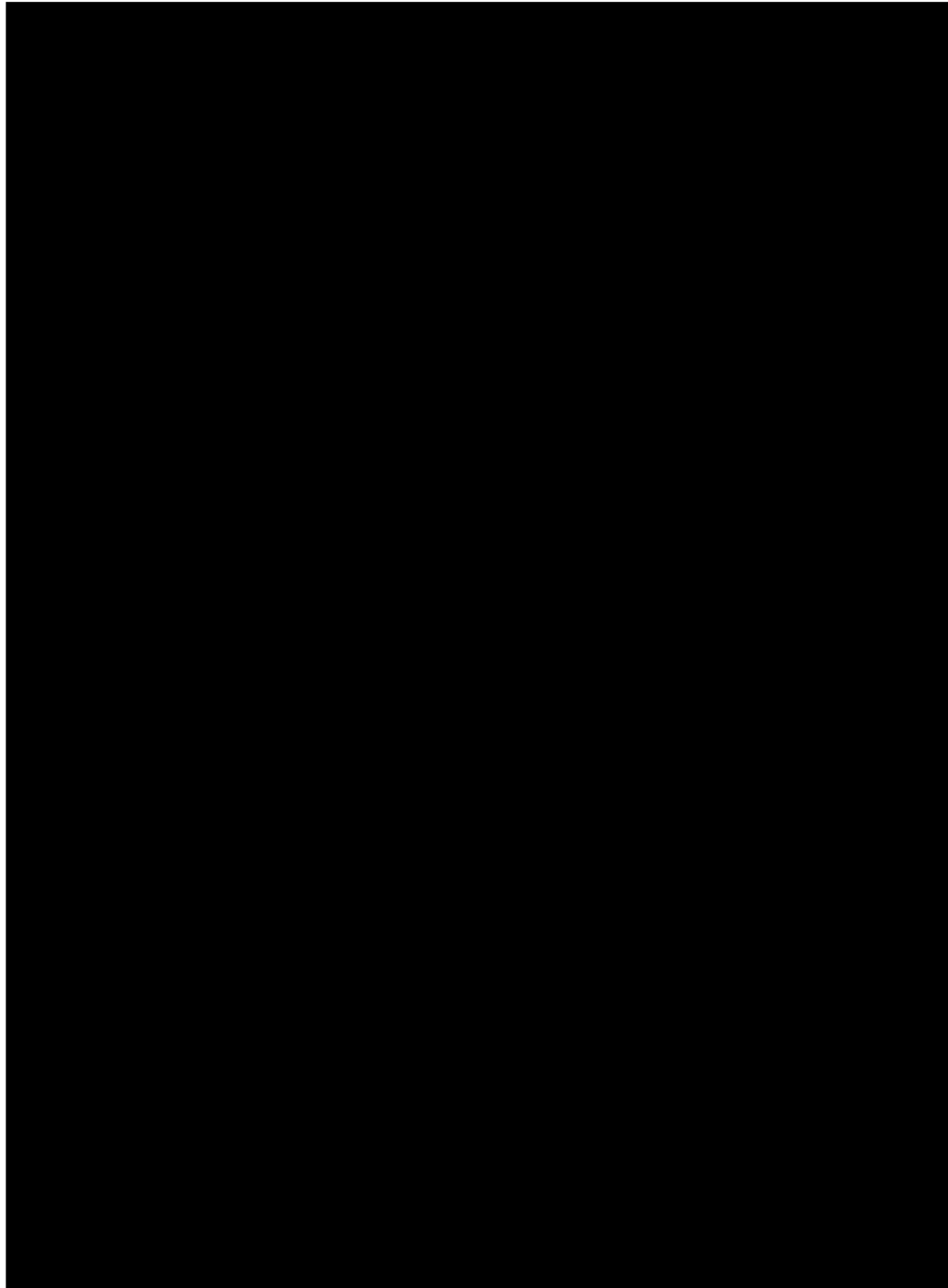
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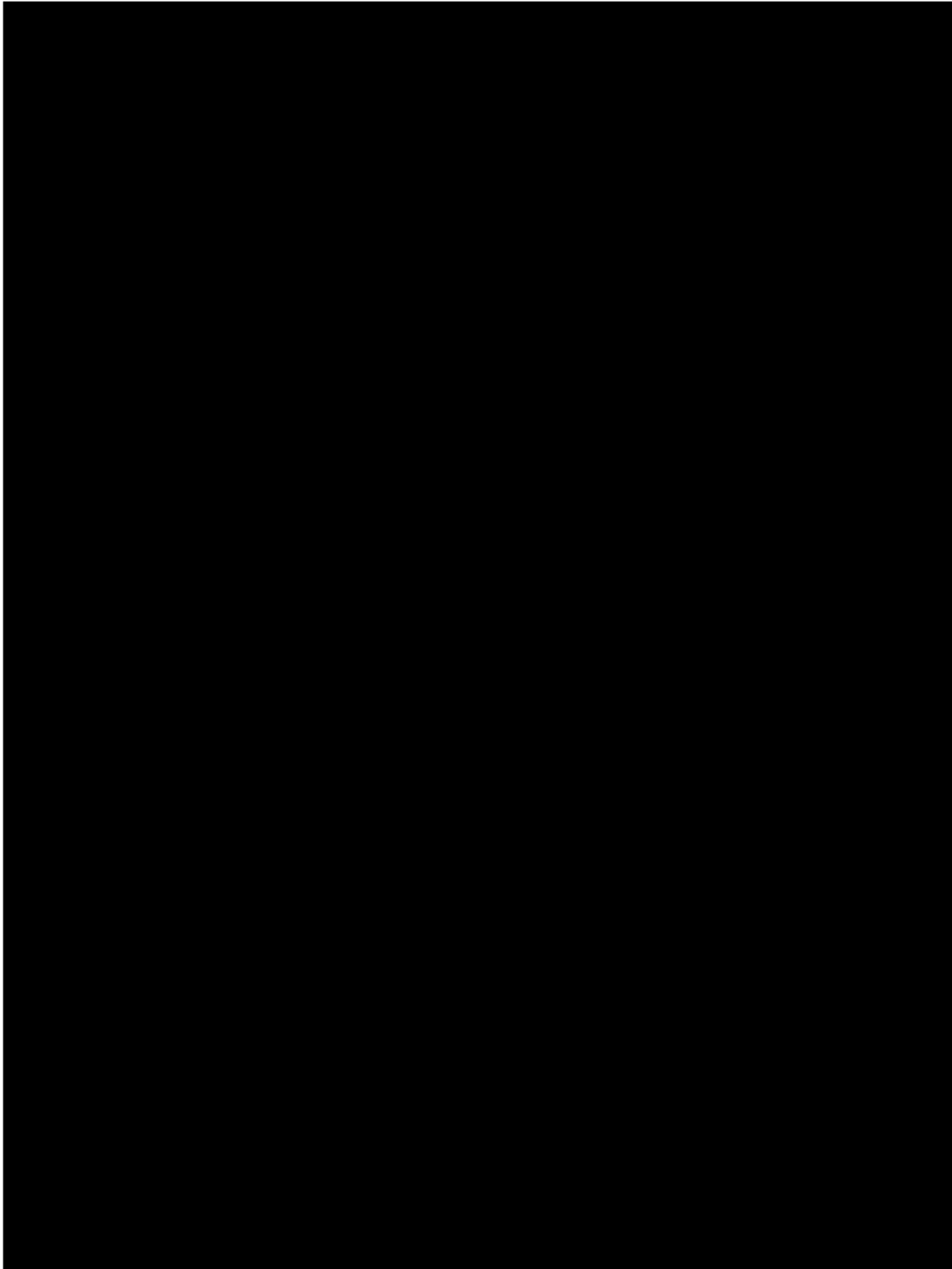
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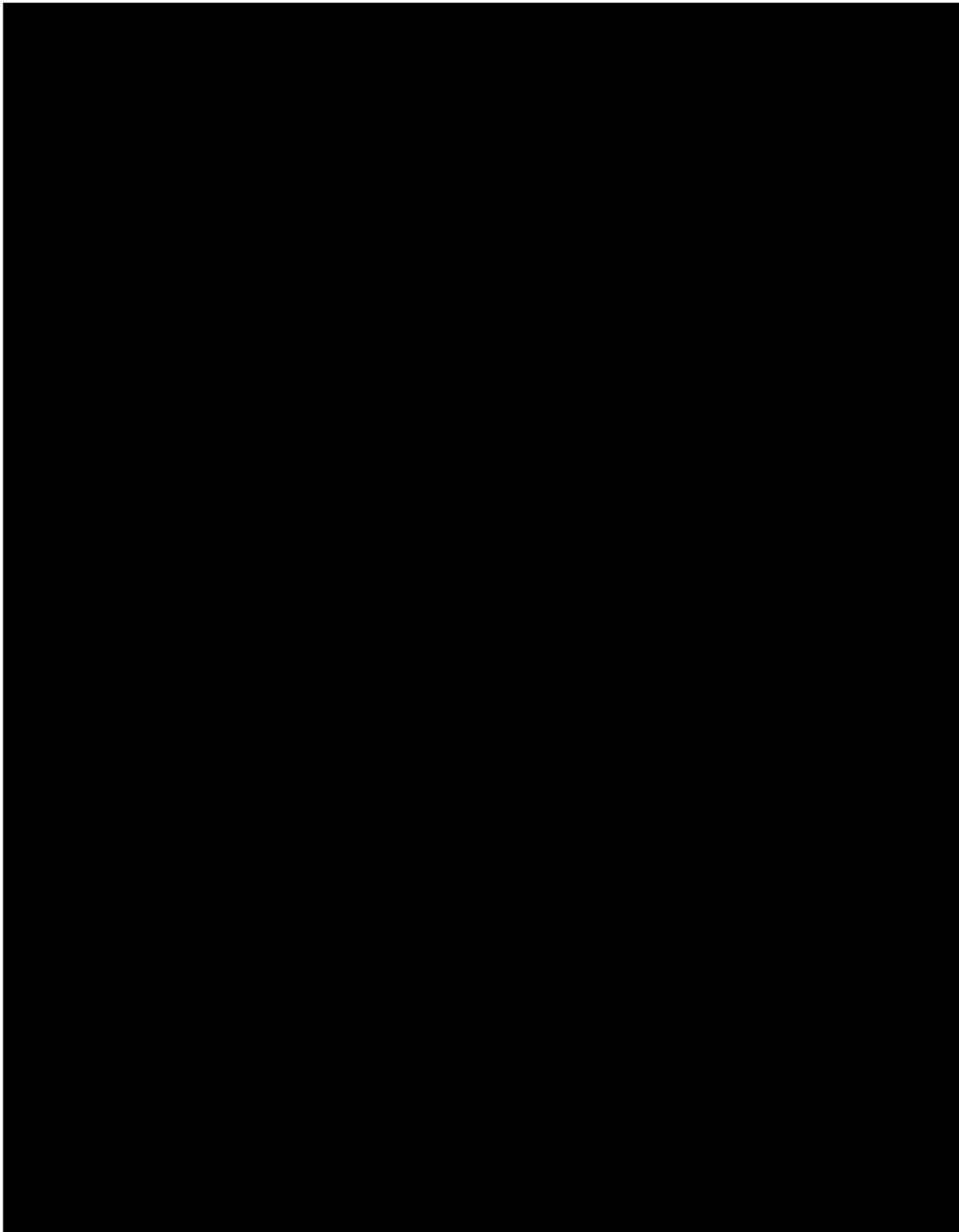
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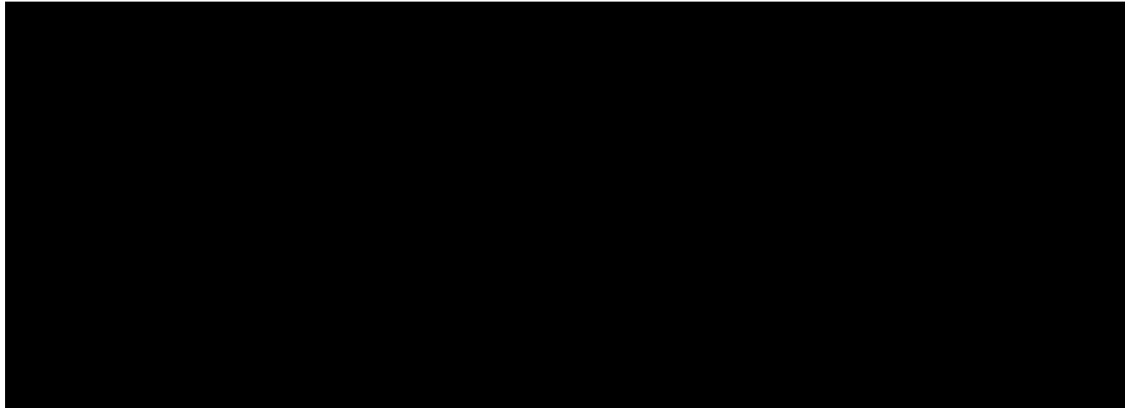
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Lebanon

Considerable political turmoil has occurred in Lebanon in the aftermath of the Syrian revolt. Moslems tended to back Nasir, while Christians supported the new Syrian regime. Pro-Nasir demonstrations were allowed full play by Moslem Prime Minister Saib Salam until threats by Christian ministers and pressure from President Shihab led the government to ban all demonstrations, suspend licenses for carrying arms, and forbid the display of pictures of non-Lebanese political leaders.

President Shihab, who has been displeased with Salam for some time, probably will carry out a cabinet change in the near future. Although Salam's arch-rival Rashid Karami expects to become prime minister, it appears that the President has Husayn al-Uwayni in mind. Shihab may feel that Uwayni, a moderate Moslem leader with a long association with King Saud, is the best choice at a time when Lebanon must tread warily between friendship with Nasir and the necessity of doing business with its neighbor Syria. Uwayni suffered a heart attack last summer while on a visit to King Saud.

Iraq

Plotting against Iraqi Prime Minister Qasim continues, [REDACTED]

While there is widespread dissatisfaction among army officers, the odds against a successful coup appear considerable. In the Baghdad area--the key to any coup attempt--Qasim has carefully placed those army units suspected of unreliability between units commanded by trustworthy officers. [REDACTED]

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